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ALLIES ON OFFENSIVE; GAIN ON WIDE FRONT; RETAKE 6 TOWNS, THREATENING FOE'S FLANK; 100,000 PICKED U.S. TROOPS SENT TO BATTLE

ANTI-DRAFT MOB FIGHTS CAVALRY IN QUEBEC RIOTS

Crowd Attempts to Liberate Conscripts Quartered in Barracks.

SEVERAL TROOPERS HURT

Rioters Get Stock of Firearms Later by Raiding Hard-

Special Despatch to THE BUN. QUESEC, March 31. - Quebec had a ste of real warfare last night and today when it witnessed a cavalry charge and dodged flying bullets. A mob of o goo assembled in the Stroch district. ouble has originated, and marched in litary formation to the barracks with e avowed intention of liberating the onscripts quartered there.

Fortunately the hotheads had an sunced their plans and the military was well prepared. When the first showers of missies rattled on the drill squadron of cavalry charged the mob. watch scattered, but resumed the bombardment with chunks of ice from doorways. Several troopers and citizens were injured, but none seriously. The horses fared worse, their legs being cut

Farly to-night a hardware store in the lower town was raided and the rioters set a stock of firearms. To prevent

Sniping at Soldiers,

reading in the Catholic churches of a letter from Cardinal Begin imploring the citizens to remain calm and help in restoring order, the spirit of excitement was abroad and it was easily seen that the trouble was not over. Shots were fired at the military by concealed insurgents without hitting any soldiers, but a young man and two girls were wounded by stray bullets.

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Outlines Possible Action.

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There were several casualties of a sight nature, among persons who were tunable to get out of the way quickly clough when the cavalry advanced.

Threats to blow up the newspaper effices if they commented unfavorably on the disturbers were made public, and in one case had a peculiar effect on Saturday. All Montreal newspapers carried what purported to be an editorial from Le Soleil condemning the intens of the anti-conscriptionists. The editorial never appeared, the editor deere were several casualties of a itorial never appeared, the editor deion was the better part of valor.

Leaders Are Identified.

leaders of the disturbances have an identified by the police, and alriots have their origin outside of ationaliste, goes so far as to sugges 'agents provocateurs. That martial law would be welcomed

from their conversation. In Montreal there is no public sympathy or the rioters among the French Ca-adians and the affair is not looked on

Even French Canadians freely suggest further, for they feel the prestige actions of a few irresponsible hot-

Several clashes took place late toight between the military and the riotis in which several civilians, including of about a thousand men each are parading in different sections of the city mount machine guns at strategic points is stationed at the Post Office ready

BRITISH WIN IN AIR IN ITALY.

They Bring Down 83 Enemy Craft and Lose Only 10. LONDON, March 21, - leighty-three

British aviators since they have been the Italian front, says a British official communication issued to-light. The text follows:

On the Italian front the British troops holding the Montelo section were relieved in the middle of March

and since have taken a new sector on the Asiago plateau. Our flying corps since its arrival in italy has destroyed eighty-three enemy machines and lost ten.

LIBERTY MOTOR STANDS TEST.

Propels Four Persons From Hamp-

ion to Annapolis and Back. *MPTON, Va., March 31 .- A Liberty ed to-day by Major Roy I. Brown Tylur Officer at Langley Field. ight to Annapolis, Md., and back. Brown carried three passengers. throughout the round trip, and endid time was made. No other de-

King George Praises Americans in France

LONDON, March 31.-Reuter's correspondent at British
Headquarters in France, describing King George's visit to the
front, says:
In the course of an inspection
the King visited an airdrome,
where he inspected an American

where he inspected an American section, the members of which he congratulated upon their fine he congratulated upon their fine and smart appearance, praise which was well justified, for a likelier looking set of lads never yet swore to drive the Huns out of the air.

The King spent a crowded fifty hours in France, moving about freely among troops who had taken part in the first onrush of the German offensive.

the German offensive.

T. R.'S SON LAY

in lower town, in which most of the Capt. Archie Roosevelt Is Under German Fire After Being Wounded.

SUFFERED INTENSE PAIN

hall windows the gates opened and a Left Arm Broken and Knee Injured by Shrapnel -Condition Good.

For fourteen hours after he was wounded in action with the American forces in France on March 13 Capt. got a stock of frearms. To prevent a repetition of this occurrence the military authorities made a descent on another store and took possession of all der fire, according to a letter received the packers or the meat distributing revolvers and amounties stocked there. Archibald Roosevelt, son of Theodore To-day being Easter Sunday the tion hospital behind the American lines. place the latter under strict Government in the Catholic churches of a The letter contains the first definite ment control.

Rioting broke out afresh and cavalry ing all this time he suffered intensely, has again employed in clearing the but managed to hide his agony under a cheerful Rooseveltian smile. To those was killed under him.

injuries.
At the hospital it was found that his shrapnel had entered his left kneccap penetrating the fibuls. An operation was performed immediately and the open. He is now in excellent condition.

Dr. Hartwell, the recipient of the letter, is distantly related to Mrs. Archi-bald Roosevelt, who likewise received her first direct word from her husband yesterday in the form of a cablegram written by the Captain from his hospital The cablegram which was received w Mrs. Roosevelt in Boston read: "Am resting finely. Everything O. K.

Mrs. Roosevelt lost no time in communicating the good news by telephone to Col. Roosevelt at Sagamore Hill.

HONORS TO VOLUNTEERS.

Dartmouth 1918 Men in War Ser vice to Get Degrees.

Special Despotch to TEB STN. HANOVER, N. H., March 31.—By vote of the trustees of Dartmouth College yesterday the men in the 1918 class who have left college since the United States eclared war will be granted the degree

only those men who are al-

VIENNA PAPER NOT HOPEFUL Warns That England and America Cannot Be Defeated.

Basel, March 31.—The Arbeiter Zei-fung of Vienna, a copy of the Thursday edition of which has been received here, sounds a note of warning to the Teu-tonic allies as follows: "Do not be deceived. Germany's victories naver will force the Entente to accept a peace of violence. If the Ger-mans could take Calais and Paris, and

even force France and Italy to capitu-ate, there will ever remain the English hidden in their isle and America prosected by the ocean. They can always for inue the war by sea. The greatest victory cannot impose a peace of vio-ence on America and England."

U-BOATS TIE UP SPAIN'S SHIPS. derehants Demand Commerce

With U. S. Be Resumed. Madrid, March 31 .- Ten large trans

HOOVER URGES U. S. TO SEIZE MEAT INDUSTRY

Drastic Step Proposed to Saddle Burden on Those Able to Bear It.

CALLS FOR COMMISSION

Against Plan of Packers to Let High Prices Keep Consumption Down.

Special Desputch to Two Sun. WASHINGTON, March \$1.-Governme seizure and operation of the packing plants of the nation with Federal supervision and control of the entire industry of meat production and distribution is proposed as an urgent war necessity in a letter by Food Administrator Hoover to President Wilson, which was made tion is the most drastic step in the matter of food control that has been put forward in official circles, and is looked upon as laying a foundation for strict regulation of foodstuffs of all kinds, including wheat and sugar, in the immediate future. .

Competition between Government needs and domestic consumption has produced a condition in meat production, says Mr. Hoover, which makes ssary a complete change of policy that will not only control prices but will afford a maximum of protection to both the Government and the civillan Portchester, N. T., from a physician tance of his recommendation will elimifriend who is in charge of an evacua- nate the former from the situation and

mixture of partial national policy in production and day by day dealing

with emergencies.
Stabilization of prices based upon the cost of production at a fair stimulative profit to the producer to eliminate speculative risks and

wasteful practices.

Mr. Hoover suggests the appointment of a commission to take up all phases of the meat situation and devise the Government's policy. He proposes that the commission include the Secretary of Agriculture, the chairman of the Federal Trade Board, the chairman of the Federal Tariff Board, the Secretary of Labor and the Food Administrator.
"This commission should at once ex-

haustively consider the entire situation in all its aspects and determine a positive national policy in meats," he says.

In discussing the effect of the present meat policy on the civilian consumer he says that the adoption of conservation through price increases puts the burden on that section of the community with the least purchasing power and results

Burden Put Upon Wealthy.

"An extension of the conservation on those who can save from plenty and not on those who save from nourish-

This action came as a complete surprise, and will probably mean that many more men in the senior class will leave before the end of the year, but their cases will be dealt with individually, acording to a statement given out by that higher prices would cause that de President Hopkins, as this act is meant gree of conservation which the Govern gree of conservation which the Govern-ment deems necessary to the welfare of the country at this time. Mr. Hoover expressed his unalterable opposition to that programme and frequently has said that the meat policy of his administra-tion must have the same degree of prowealthy consumer.

Neither Mr. Hoover nor any one con nected with the meat division of the Food Administration would discuss the with the packing interests or the atpressed in terms of such unqualified di-rectness as to lead to the belief here that the end of the patience of the Gov-eriment officials in negotiating with the packing interests has been reached and ing them entirely from the situation.

Collusion Charge Refuted.

dent is regarded as giving denial to the charges among cattle raising interests in the Southwest that the Food Administration-is in collusion with the pack-ing interests at Chicago and refraining atlantic steamships have cancelled their ing interests at Chicago and refraining sailings for America and are lying idle from measures that safeguard the cattle in various harbors of Spain on account men and the meat consumers at this

in various harbors of Spain on account in various harbors of the submarine menace.

Freight amounting to thousands of tons is lying on the docks at Cadis. Harcelona and Corunna awaiting cargo space. Heavy losses are being sustained in consequence. The Government is receiving a great number of telegrams nate profiteering and hoarding and competering against the blockade and asknown that the marketing of grains and other receitablishment of commerce with the marketing of grains and other foods at the time when they are needed amount of the extent of about \$160.000.

American Troops Will. Enter Battle in Picardy

PARIS, March 31.—An official note issued to-day, dealing with the operation of American troops with the French and British, says: The French Government has

decided to accede to the desire expressed by Gen. Pershing in the name of the United States Government. The American troops will fight side by side with the British and French troops, and the Star Spangled Banner will float beside the French and English flags in the plains of Picardy.

PARIS SHELLING AROUSES POPE

Warns Emperor of Austria, quarters that the American troops have Threatening Condemnation of Bombardment.

public here to-day. The recommenda- BIG GUNS FIRING AGAIN it having been transmitted to the White

Long Range Attack Resumed on Easter Sunday With Churches Crowded.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN Copyright, 1918; all rights reserved. Rome, March 31.—The Pope is very dignant over the German long range embardment of a church in Paris on Good Friday. He has warned the Emperor of Austria-Hungary, threatening public condemnation unless the bombardpents are discontinued and Austria's responsibility disavowed,

The Catholic newspapers, on the horrible episode which has provoked worldwide disgust, recall the German ald given to prevent the liberation of Jerusalem and German complicity in the Armenian massacres, which have

BOMBARDING PARIS

Churches More Crowded

was resumed at 2:15 P. M. to-day. An official note issued to-night says:

The German long range cannon district. One person was killed and

At the services this morning the

usual on Easter Sunday No unexploded shell from a gun homharding Paris thus far has been found. However, there have been examined in the municipal laboratory fragments of sufficient size to permit the directors to difficulties appear to dwindle when he every previous war, that the handleaps reach certain conclusions. Iney are of sets his machinery in motion.

Willtary men here noted to day the great army are multiplied tenfold by reach certain conclusions. They are of sets his machinery in motion the opinion that a double fuse is used Military men here noted and that the guns fire 210 millimeter

(8% inch) shells.

Apparently four guns are being used. two on each alternate day. The tubes of the guns, which are rifled guns, are more than sixty feet long. The installation and adjustment of the guns are must require at least the sixty feet long. The installation and adjustment of the guns crown Prince on Friday. It represented the must require at least the most long than the sixty feet long. must require at least three months.

Doubtless they are concealed under in this direction and was referred to in the German official communique as applicable. difficult to locate and destroy them.

NEW GUN DESCRIBED.

German Artillery Expert Says Shell Travels Three Minutes. GENEVA. March 31.-Lieut.-Gen. von

Rohne, a German authority on ordnance and impector of artillery, gives in a magazine of which he is editor, addi-tional details in regard to the long distance German guns with which Paris is being bombarded. He says they are 20 meters (55½ feet) long. The empty shell weighs 150 kilograms (330 pounds). and the charge weighs the same. The projectile attains a height of 30 kilo-meters (18.6 miles) and descends from the sky like a meteor on its target.

Gen. von Rohne says it requires about three minutes for the shell to reach its destination. The greatest difficulty in e way of increasing the range was rercome by sending the projectile high rough to reach the rarifled air. It appears the Germans are extremely proud of the bombardment of Paris.

SPANISH SHIP CAN'T GET COAL Supply Refused at Havana-May

Fill Bunkers at Vera Crus. MEXICO CITY, March 31.—The captair able to continue the voyage, as the Cuban authorities have refused a supply bunker coal.
The Vera Crus agent informed him

that 500 tons of coal had been obtained at that port for the vessel's return voy-age and it is expected the steamship will continue. The offices of the com-pany at Barcelona, Spain, are making an effort to get coal at Havana.

RAINBOWS PART OF FORCE GOING TO FOCH'S LINES

Official Washington Hails Pershing's Move With Great Enthusiasm.

UNDER FRENCH ORDERS

First Operation of American Troops Since the Newly Unified Command.

Special Despatch to Tur. Sex. WASHINGTON, March 31 .- The anuncement from Gen. Pershing's headbegun to move toward the battle raging on the plains of Picardy was hailed with enthusiasm throughout official Washington to-day. President Wilson received the news early in the afternoon. House by the Associated Press. Major-Gen. March also was informed.

As indicated in THE SUN this more ing, the American troops will reach the DANGEROUS TO PLANS WHY PREMIER HESITATED battle zone at the most critical time in the conflict and they will have an opportunity, it is explained, to meet the enemy in more or less open warfare. The War Department bars all detailed

authoritative comment as to the strength of the American forces to be thrown into the battle. It can be stated, however, that this force will be more than 100,000 men. Whether the American troops that this force will be more than 100,000 men. Whether the American troops which have been engaged holding five small sectors of the line will be relieved of this duty to participate in the Picardy fighting is not known here.

The prevatent oginion is army circles is that a large part of the troops so engaged have been relieved by French troops and that those Americans, who have had their hantism of German fire

have had their baptism of German fire under varying conditions, will be among those picked by Gen. Foch, the Generalissimo of the allied armies, for the work of assisting French troops in the prospective counter attacks on a major

New Yorkers to Enter Fray.

regulars will be included is regarded argument, even when the fighting men · Panis, March 31.—The bombardment here as a foregone conclusion and it is are right. of Paris by long range German guns expected that the Rainbow Division, which included former New York Nain the brunt of the fighting.

tion lines or elsewhere behind the firing there is actual interference with opera-

plans and distances and transportation encouraging reports from the battle front, especially those indicating that the French and British were fighting

Crown Prince Is Pushed Back. But simultaneously with the an-

and American forces came the news communique in referring to Saturday's and practical people like the Americans, fighting reports that these counter at- who are now fully alive to the Pan-The latest official announcement says

that after the most desperate and san-guinary fighting for the possession of Moreull the shock troops of the Crown According to reports the town changed

hands several times in succession, but at the end the troops of the German Crown Prince were driven out and Gen. order had been executed with the spirit which has characterized the work | ters." of men under his command.

U S. TROOPS MOVING BY FRENCH ORDERS

Men Go Forward Singing to Join Battle Line.

By the Associated Press. of the Spanish steamship Alfonso XIII., with the American Army in which is lying at Havana, has cabled the agents at Vera Cruz that he is unFrance of Gen. Pershing's offer of all the continue the verage at the American men and material for present emergency, in effect virtually has resulted in a unified army com-mand, so far as the French army and American forces are concerned. is shown by the fact that the orders is-sued to the American troops are of

Great activity continued Sounday throughout the sone where the American troops are quartered. It began at 4 soldiers. o'clock this morning, when heavily loaded motor camions began rumbling through the streets and over the roads,

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Fighting Centres at Moreuil, the Junction of the British and French Armies in Picardy

Special Cable Despatch to THE STN

LONDON, March 31.-Moreuil, seventeen miles south of Albert and about eight north of Montdidier, the village about which the fiercest fighting centred to-day, in which it changed hands four times, is the chief point in the present German drive to capture Amiens. It is also the present junction point of the French and British armies. The place is of the highest importance strategically, as it commands the road and the railway running northwest to Amiens and also the road due east to Ailly and then on to Paris.

The Germans are following consistently their original programme of striking hard and fast on as broad a front as possible at what they consider the most vulnerable section of the Allies' line. The brunt of the attack in this region is falling upon the Crown Prince's army, under command of Gen. von Hutier, one of the ablest commanders in the German army.

When the American troops go into the battle—they may be in it now—they are likely to be heard from first in the region of Moreuil or on the southern side of the Montdidier salient, where the French already have begun a counter offensive, it is reported.

WARNS U. S. OF BRITISH PUBLIC WAR MEDDLERS **VEERS TO FOCH**

London "Globe" Issues Appeal Only a Few Regard Unified signy-Against Chatter of Ama-

teur Strategists.

Control as Aimed at Certain Commanders.

Under a Frenchman.

"No Annexation and No In- Yielded to Argument That were most encouraging, the official redemnity" Slogan Called Army Would Resent Being

German Catchword. Special Cable Despatch to Tan Sun.

Copyright, 1918; all rights reserved. LONDON, March 31.—The Glass, in a special article entitled "The Americans of Gen. Ferdinand Foch, the French and Ourselves-An Appeal," after dis- Chief of Staff, as Generalissimo with claiming any intention of scholng the supreme power of direction over the expressions of disappointment by ardent salled armses, has caused general satis-Americans that the United States is not faction here except among the few who counting for more in a military sense at persist in seeing in this plan an intrigue the beginning of her second year in the against certain high British army comwar, says there are two points to which manders fostered by an element in the the it wishes to call America's attention, and Cabinet and a section of the press.

continues: "In all wars waged by democracles evitable outcome of the present military charges with the bayonet. there is a risk of the excessive pre- situation, which has emphasized that dominance of talking men and writing the lack of coordination is costing the It is indicated that this so-called army men over fighting men. The former are Allies dearly and that unity of comof first line fighting Americans will be not only in political control but they mand has become a vital necessity. made up of the most seasoned troops in are usually more nimble tongued, which That such action was not taken before. enables them to overcome

The less seasoned troops, it is expaign are rejected or ruined and wildcat plained, probably will guard transporta-schemes are preferred. Not infrequently

At the services this morning the Estimates of the time it will take for fining the civilians to those questions the American troops to reach the scene which civilians are presumed to underof the operations in Picardy cannot be stand, leaving a free hand to the sol-based on authentic information, but it diers and sailors in their proper sphere, is believed that the movement will be they will render an incalculable service carried out rapidly. Gen. Foch, it is to the Allies and will offer for the com-pointed out, moves swiftly in all his plans and distances and transportation "We have learned in this war, as in amateur strategy, which is far more deadly to its own side than the most brilliant enemy generalship. May the Americans succeed in keeping this curse

Berlin's Catchword.

The second point which demands American attention is the vexed ques-tion of no annexations and no indemnifor undoing Russia and paralyzing the Breat-Litovsk, this formula means that must lose nothing.
"We cannot believe that an intelligent

German peril, will consent to a policy which spells perpetual war. If we wan plain to the war makers not only that we mean to win but that when we have won we shall take the necessar to make war unattractive in the by penalizing the authors of the present

"Otherwise democracy must fade out amid perpetual alarms and excursions. Washington should be able to help the Allies' cause in both of these vital mat

Need for Tobacco Increasing at Front

ALTHOUGH millions of smokes have been sent by THE SUN Tobacco Fund to our men at the front, the need for tobacco is becoming more urgent as the strength of our army in France Now is the time to contribute,

or to repeat if you are already on the honor roll of donors! Friday night's patriotic rally at Carnegie Hall with Muratore to sing and Benson to deliver his message should call there all donors and other friends of the

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HAD BEEN TWICE LOST

Two Mile Gain Made in Sector Between Mesnil

TEUTON LOSS ENORMOUS

Eleventh Day of Battle Shows Signs of Exhaustion on Part of the Invaders.

The general impression is that the

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number of prisoners and guns. Demuin, on the Luce River, or brook, about which the most severe fighting has centred for the last two days, with terrific hand to hand

was taken to-day by the British.

On the Montdidier salient also the Germans met important reverses, especially on the south side, which runs east of Lassigny and No. although it was favored by the Govern- this sector the French recaptured at ments of Great Britain, France and the least four villages-Monchel, Ayen-United States, was due to the argument court, Plemont and Canny. Also they that the British army would resent be- drove in the German line As a result essential preparations ing placed under a French General, of two miles or more. In these opera-This was urged so strongly that Pre- tions more than 1,000 German prisonmier Lloyd George hesitated to force ers were taken and more than a hundred German machine guns.

The military leaders themselves, it is information except s to yesterday's understood, have recently suggested the fighting on the line from Moreuil advisability of a central command in southward. Furious attacks by the present crisis. Since the beginning French on the tip of the salient at Mes it has been patent that the Germans not nil, are said to have been repulsed, and only have profited from their own also similar drives along the south line, unified command, but frequently have. In this operation the French are strikgained command, but frequently have gained great advantages through the ing at the German flank in the direction of Roye. All reports state that the reason to believe that in addition to the approval of Field Marshal Str Doughas Haig. Commander in Chief of the British forces, the change has been Warrengthened by the daily arrival of re-enforcements.

strongly favored by the Supreme War
Council at Versailles and by Sir Henry
Wilson, the British Chief of Staff.

Where Americans Way Enter.
This part of the battle front is of particular interest because it is probable. It is understood that under the new arrangement Field Marshal Haig and Gen. Petain will retain control ctive armies under the direction of Gen. Foch. The Daily Telegraph said the step was taken to obviate difficulties due to mixing British and diminished in their force and der the command of a French General to obtain complete combination of effort This refers undoubtedly to the army operating south of the Somme, where the British are fighting in conjunction with the Third French army. It is said unity of command went into effect last

BRITAIN'S REVENUES GROW. Gains Shown in All Departments;

Except Excise. LONDON, March 30.-The Treasury statement for the financial year ended yesterday shows a revenue of £707,234. Germans attacked in considerable force about noon to-day and at nightfall this about noon to-day and at nightfall this the preceding year. Nearly all sources action was still in progress in the angle of revenue show increases except those of the Luce and the Avre. One of the

the income tax.

Expenditures amounted to £2.698.221.

The only German success during the day 405, compared with £2.198,112,710 last was a minor one; after heavy fighting. National war bonds brought in

FIRING INCREASES IN ITALY. Artillery Is Active Along the Entire Front.

ROME, March 31 .- Along the entire Italian front there is an extensive ar-tillery exchange in progress and con-siderable activity by patrol parties, says Nine additional enemy airplanes have

been brought down by British and Ital-

This Is a Wheatless Day British and French by Bayonet and Cavalry Charge Again Regain Moreuil.

and Lassigny.

PARIS, March 81 .- The battle is slackening, according to news reaching Paris late to-night. The attacks of the Germans to-day have been less violent and less numerous, and it has been observed that the enemy is feverishly digging himself in, particularly in the neighborhood of Las

situation is most satisfactory.

LONDON, March 31.—The results of the fighting to-day, the eleventh day of the tremendous battle in Picardy. ports revealing the French reserves beating back the masses of the Crown Prince's army along the whole front from Moreult to Lassigny, taking a

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LONDON, March 31.—The appointment struggles of almost hourly occurrence,

To the south Moreull, an important village, was the point about which & tremendous struggle centred to-day Four times the place changed hands and finally it was carried by the French and British, the latter aided by Canadian cavalry in brilliant

The Berlin statement contains little

This part of the battle front is of paron the way to take a name in here, ing, is likely to be thrown in here.

beginning, or has begun. The German attacks in the Moreuil sector were un-French troops in various portions of the line. It adds that for some days past one of the British armies has been untacks at the same time, as they have exhausted to carry on other similar atbeen doing for more than a week. North ports to-night, it was quiet, although on me where Saturday the heaviest attacks were de-It is said livered in that region the Germans advancing in four distinct waves. Their Near Serre, a little north of Albert, the British took the offensive captured 230 prisoners and forty ma

New Attack Made by Germana. Immediately south of the Somme the The chief increases were \$80.284.000 tion to-night is that the British and m excess profits and 134,476,000 from French are taking the offersive more

> was a minor one; after heavy fighting, in which they paid a price out of all proportion to their gain, they won a ooting in the village of Haangard-en Santerre. In the nighting between Moreuil and Montdidler the French artillery, the famous 75s, did terrible execution among the Germans, who still cling to the method of attacking in masses. In the

sector between Moreuil and Lamigns the Prench took more than 700 prisoners

View of British Expert. Lovat Fraser, writing in the Daily Meil on Germany's supreme bid for victory in France, says:

"Should the Germans fail to accom-plish their full purpose this should be the decisive battle of the war. It should be decisive because they have staked their whole position upon the result and a failure, or even a half success, means ruin for them, for their civil population is very near the starvation point, and unless Germany can get peace is done. That is why she has thrown all her available military resources into